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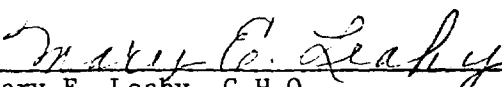


CITY OF NEW BEDFORD  
MASSACHUSETTS  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

TO: THE PUBLIC  
FROM: Department of Public Health  
DATE: June 3, 1982  
RE: Fishing at Fort Rodman

In view of the recent Federal and State investigations about the potential health impact of PCBs, no fishing permits will be issued to use the causeway (breakwater) at Fort Rodman. The Shellfish Warden has been informed of this regulation and he is responsible for the enforcement. While there is no harm in respect to recreational fishing, since it would be difficult to implement the regulation if any fishing is permitted, all fishing from the causeway is excluded. All other areas at Fort Rodman have traditionally been closed to fishing, and this policy remains in effect.

In general, low levels of fish intake do not appear to pose a threat to human health. This is based on Federal guidelines. However, some of the bottomfish have levels of PCBs higher than others, and they should not be ingested since health effects are suspect.\*

  
Mary E. Leahy, C.H.O.  
Acting Director of Public Health

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cc: Romeo Mosakowski, Shellfish Warden

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\*ADVISORY CAUTION: State regulations exclude the taking of the following bottomfish: eels, scup, tautog and flounder, as well as lobsters. Eels have significantly higher levels and should not be eaten. It has been recommended by the State Department of Health, Michigan, that in the event of the use of fish as food from waters with elevated PCB levels, all fat be excluded from the fillet (edible portion), since PCBs are fat soluble and concentrate in this part of the tissue. Further, in the taking of lobsters for food, the tamale (green matter) should be removed since it is high in fat content. To prevent saturation of the edible portion by the fat of the organ, lobsters should not be boiled unless the tamale is removed; and finfish should not be panfried.



JOHN A. MARKEY  
MAYOR

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Romeo Mosakowski, Shellfish Warden  
FROM: John A. Markey, Mayor  
DATE: May 18, 1982  
RE: Enforcement of Fishing Regulations at Fort Rodman

While the City has traditionally excluded fishing from Fort Rodman, other than at the causeway, henceforth all areas are closed to fishing. No fishing permits to use the causeway will be issued, and all others revoked. Please note the policy of the Board of Health (see attached).

In respect to other coastal areas about the City, current state regulations are in effect. The inner harbor is closed to all fishing, while recreational fishing is permitted in the outer harbor. The State regulations also permit the taking of fish in the outer harbor, excluding select bottomfish.\*

If you have any questions about the regulations, please feel free to contact my office or the Board of Health.

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JOHN A. MARKEY, Mayor

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\*Eels, scup, tautog and flounder, not to exclude crustaceans (lobsters).  
Prior regulations exclude shellfish due to coliform bacteria.